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NOTIFICATION

The 24th November, 2023

No.7366/L.A.— The following Bill, which has been introduced in the Odisha Legislative Assembly on the 24th November, 2023 is here with published under rule-68 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Odisha Legislative Assembly for general information

**THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (ODISHA AMENDMENT) BILL,
2023**

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**A
BILL**

**TO AMEND THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, 1860 in the
application to the State of Odisha**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the
Seventy fourth year of the Republic of India as follows: —

Short title, extent
and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Penal Code (Odisha Amendment) Act, 2023

(2) It shall extent to the whole state of Odisha

(3) It shall come into force from the date of publication in the Gazette.

Amendment of
Section 508

2. In the Indian Penal Code, 1860, in Section 508,

(a) for the words “Shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both” the following words shall be substituted, namely: —

“Shall be punished with imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine or with both.

(b) The following provisos shall be added at the end, namely: —

Provided that if a person or persons induces or suggested or advised, to any person or persons, to meet or to join or to follow any third person or persons or organizations to release stress or gain peach and happiness on divine pleasures or any action on divine pleasures, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years or with fine, or with both:

Provided further that if a person or persons or a organization does any act or attempt to act to induce any other person or persons, to obey or to belief or compel them to belief, him to be super power or God like man or God by any action or thought or belief, shall be punished with death or life imprisonment or imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years or with fine, or with both.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Some people or some organizations in our society are doing business in the name of God and divine pleasure. Some people or organizations are cheating the common man or simple man of our State in the name of divine pleasure or spiritual organization. Some people who are doing such type of works are already punished or in jail. Some peoples who are doing such type of works are not yet caught and moving in different cities and towns of our state. Section 508 of the Indian Penal Code prohibited to do such type of works. Actually, they are playing with the heart of common man. It came to notice that Government of Odisha is sending Officers or employees of Government to get training from such divine pleasures or spiritual organizations to release their stress time to time. It has been indicated in such letter that, if any employee refuse to accept training from such organizations or persons shall be liable pay fine, which amounts to criminal offense under section 508 of the IPC. This bill is to protect the simple, innocent and common people of Odisha.

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